for being declared fit. As the Vidyasagar University has not yet fulfilled all the prescribed conditions it has not been declared fit for assistance under Section 12-B of the UGC Act.

Surplus teachers in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

980. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
DR. R. K. PODDAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the category and Vidyalayas-wise details of teachers of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan who have been rendered surplus as per revised sanction of staff-strength issued in June-July, 1989, for the current academic session and what is the justification therefor;

(b) what is the procedure prescribed for adjusting them in the region they are presently posted in;

(c) whether a teacher rendered surplus, can be adjusted against a vacancy of another category; if so, for how long; and

(d) whether all India Kendriya Vidyalayas Teachers Association has represented against it; if so, what is the reaction of the Sangathan thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Only 89 yoga teachers have been rendered surplus. No other category of teachers has been rendered surplus in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan as a whole. These yoga teachers have been rendered surplus as per the revised policy of teaching of yoga in Kendriya Vidyalayas by appointment of full time yoga teachers in larger schools and part-time teachers in smaller schools. Requirement of Yoga teachers for schools is now determined according to teaching load.

(b) There is no proposal to retrench these yoga teachers; 95 yoga teachers who had been sponsored by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan would be completing B.P.Ed. Degree course of Jivaji University, Gwalior during the current year. They would be offered the post of Physical Education Teachers for which there is a requirement. Adjustment of the remaining surplus yoga teachers, if any, would be done locally on cluster basis.

In respect of other categories, there may be cases of teachers rendered surplus to the requirement of a particular Kendriya Vidyalaya. Such teachers are adjusted in another Vidyalaya of the same region.

(c) Normally this is not done.

(d) The All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association in its representation dated 28-6-1989 have represented that subject teachers have been rendered surplus on account of sanction of posts of Yoga teachers and Physical Education Teachers. Since Yoga and Physical Education are to be taught as separate disciplines, separate teachers have been provided for yoga and Physical Education on the staff strength of a Vidyalaya. However, this has not rendered subject teachers surplus to the requirement of Kendriya Vidyalay Sangathan as a whole.

U.S. President's talk with the Prime Minister on Indo-Pak talks

981. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has seen the New York Times report that President Bush had in a telephone talk with Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi last

June privately urged him to begin talks with Pakistan to lessen their tensions over their respective nuclear programme; if so, what is the truth in this report; and

(b) whether the President had also advised Prime Minister Benezir to begin 'more active' talks with Indian Government on nuclear issue; if so, whether the Government of India finds any positive response from Pakistan in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government have seen the reports, which appear inaccurate and speculative.

World Bank's Assistance for modernising technical education

932. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking two-five hundred million dollar from World Bank for modernisation and diversification of technical and polytechnical education in the country; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what are the areas where the projects are likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) The Government are exploring the possibility of securing World Bank assistance to strengthen and modernise the polytechnic education system in the country. Discussions are being held with World Bank and State Governments for the preparation of a detailed project proposal indicating the quantum of assistance, institutions/ areas to be covered etc.

Suggestions for amending the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988

933. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU:
SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
THAKUR JAGATPAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new Motor Vehicles Act came into effect from July, 1989;

(b) if so, whether a number of suggestions have been given for amending the Act;

(c) if answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, what are the total number of suggestions received by Government in this regard;

(d) the steps being taken by Government to implemet the Act; and

(e) what measures are being taken to check the rising prices as a result of implementation of the said Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Suggestions received pertain to provisions of the M.V. Act 1988 and the rules made thereunder. These relate to qualifications for the driving licence or age limits for vehicles, fitment of direction indicators in the motor cycles, overloading of vehicles, strictness in vehicle fitness and amounts of fees and fines in respect of traffic violations.

(d) Executive responsibility to implement provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act is vested in the State Governments/UT Administrations. They have been advised to organize implementation. Wide publicity has been given through Press/T.V./Radio regarding salient features of the provisions for information of the public.